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SUBJ: BEYERS NAUDE SPEECH ON CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA

1. DR. BEYERS NAUDE, DIRECTOR CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE, HAS PUBLICLY EXPRESSED SERIOUS DOUBT THAT CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA, THOUGH INEVITABLE, CAN BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT SERIOUS CONFRONTATIONS, POSSIBLY VIOLENT. ADDRESSING THE CONVOCAION OF NATAL UNIV AT PIETERMARITZBURG AUGUST 22, NAUDE SAW ONLY FORCES CAPABLE OF AFFECTING NATURE AND SPEED OF CHANGE AS NATIONAL PARTY AND "RISING TIDE OF BLACK HOPES". OF THESE, HE HELD GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY TO EFFECT CHANGE WITHOUT VIOLENCE RESTED ON BLACK LEADERS. HOWEVER, WHITES, ESPECIALLY DUE TO SAG PROPAGANDA, ARE CONTINUALLY LIVING IN DANGEROUS IGNORANCE OF VIEWS AND FEELINGS OF BLACKS WHICH, WHEN ONE DAY REVEALED, WILL LEAVE WHITES IN STATE OF SHOCK AND INCOMPREHENSION. NAUDE PRESENTED WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS WITH THREE OPTIONS: (A) SUPPORT STATUS QUO; (B) SPEEDUP OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT WITH REMOVAL OF DISCRIMINATION; OR (C) RECOGNITION OF BLACK ASPIRATIONS AND SHARING POWER. HIS PERSONAL VIEW WAS THAT ONLY REALISTIC CHOICE OF AVOIDING VIOLENT CONFRONTATION WOULD BE COMPROMISE BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD OPTIONS ABOVE, OR, TRANSITION WITHIN A SET PERIOD

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FROM SECOND TO THIRD OPTION. CHALLENGE TO NATIONAL PARTY

WOULD BE TO SEE IF IT IS WILLING AND ABLE FACE MEANINGFUL
SHARING OF POLITICAL POWER AND WEALTH AS DEMANDED BY BLACK
COMMUNITIES.

2. NOTABLY, SPEECH RECEIVED ONLY MINIMAL BACK-PAGE COVERAGE
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